Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-82 (canceled)

1 **Claim 83 (new):** A data processing apparatus for

2 processing media content comprised of a plurality of

3 scenes, said apparatus comprising:

4 an input unit operable to input content description

5 data including a plurality of segments each for describing

6 one of said plurality of scenes of media content, said

7 content description data also including a plurality of

8 importance attributes each associated with a corresponding

9 one of said plurality of segments, said importance

10 attributes having a value representing a degree of

11 contextual importance of said corresponding one of said

12 plurality of segments; and

13 an output unit operable to output at least one of said

14 segments based on at least one of said importance

15 attributes.

1 **Claim 84 (new):** A data processing apparatus according

2 to claim 83, wherein said content description data further

3 includes a plurality of time attributes each associated

4 with one of said plurality of segments for determining a

5 start time and one of an end time and a duration of said

6   one of said plurality of segments in relation to said media

7   content.

1   **Claim 85 (new):** The data processing apparatus

2   according to claim 83, wherein said plurality of segments

3   are hierarchically described.

1   **Claim 86 (new):** The data processing apparatus

2   according to claim 83, wherein said content description

3   data further includes supplemental information.

1   **Claim 87 (new):** The data processing apparatus

2   according to claim 83, wherein the media content

3   corresponds to video data and/or audio data.

1   **Claim 88 (new):** The data processing apparatus

2   according to claim 83, wherein said context description

3   data further includes linkage information for linking to

4   dominant data that represents at least one of said

5   segments.

1   **Claim 89 (new):** The data processing apparatus

2   according to claim 88, wherein said dominant data is one or

3   more of text data, image data and audio data.

1   **Claim 90 (new):** The data processing apparatus

2   according to claim 83, wherein said context description

3   data is previously generated outside of said data

4   processing apparatus prior to said inputting.

1   **Claim 91 (new):** The data processing apparatus

2   according to claim 83, wherein said outputting is in

3   response to a user query regarding the context.

1   **Claim 92 (new):** A data processing method for

2   processing media content comprised of a plurality of

3   scenes, said method comprising the steps of:

4   inputting content description data including a

5   plurality of segments each for describing one of said

6   plurality of scenes of media content, said content

7   description data also including a plurality of importance

8   attributes each associated with a corresponding one of said

9   plurality of segments, said plurality of importance

10   attributes having a value representing a degree of

11   contextual importance of said corresponding one of said

12   plurality of segments; and

13   outputting at least one of said segments based on at

14   least one of said importance attributes.

1   **Claim 93 (new):** A data processing method according to

2   claim 92, wherein said content description data further

3   includes a plurality of time attributes each associated

4   with one of said plurality of segments for determining a

5   start time and one of an end time and a duration of said

6   one of said plurality of segments in relation to said media

7   content.

1   **Claim 94 (new):** The data processing method according

2   to claim 92, wherein said plurality of segments are

3   hierarchically described.

1   **Claim 95 (new):** The data processing method according

2   to claim 92, wherein said content description data includes

3   supplemental information.

1   **Claim 96 (new):** The data processing method according

2   to claim 92, wherein the media content corresponds to video

3   data and/or audio data.

1   **Claim 97 (new):** The data processing method according

2   to claim 92, wherein said context description data further

3   includes linkage information for linking to dominant data

4   that represents at least one of said plurality of segments.

1   **Claim 98 (new):** The data processing method according

2   to claim 97, wherein said dominant data is one or more of

3   text data, image data and audio data.

1   **Claim 99 (new):** The data processing method according

2   to claim 92, wherein said context description data is

3   previously generated prior said inputting.

1   **Claim 100 (new):** The data processing method according

2   to claim 92, wherein said outputting is in response to a

3   user query regarding the context.

1   **Claim 101 (new):** A data processing apparatus

2   comprising:

3   input means for inputting hierarchically arranged

4   context description data that describes a plurality of

5   scenes of the media contents of one or more media files,

6   said context description data including:

7   a plurality of segment elements each for

8   describing one of said plurality of scenes,

9   a plurality of section elements each having

10   either one or more of said plurality of section

11   elements as children, or having one or more of said

12   plurality of segment elements as children,

13   a plurality of context attributes each having a

14   value for describing a corresponding context of said

15   media content and each being an attribute associated

16   with one or more of said segment elements and

17   including at least one keyword for describing the

18   contents of the scenes described by the associated one

19   or more of said segment elements,

20   a plurality of importance attributes each

21   associated with a corresponding one of said segment

22   elements and having a value representing a degree of

23   importance of the scene corresponding to said

24   corresponding segment element in relation to one

25   context attribute that is also associated with

26   corresponding segment element, and

27   a plurality of time attributes each associated

28   with one of said plurality of segments for determining

29   a start time and one of an end time and a duration of

30   said one of said plurality of segments in relation to

31   the media content;

32   and

33   selection means for selecting one or more of said

34   segment elements based on an analysis of one or more of

35   said context attributes and the associated importance

36   attributes, wherein

37   one or more of said plurality of scenes is selected

38   based on the selected segment elements and the segment

39   element(s)' start time attribute(s) and the end time or

40   duration attribute(s).

1   **Claim 102 (new):** The apparatus of claim 101, wherein

2   said section elements are each associated with some

3   corresponding portion of said media contents, and wherein

4   said context description data further includes:

5   another plurality of context attributes each

6   having a value for describing a corresponding context

7   of said media content and each being an attribute

8   associated with one or more of said section elements

9   and including at least one keyword for describing the

10   contents of the corresponding portion described by the

11   associated one or more of said section elements, and

12   another plurality of importance attributes each

13   associated with a corresponding one of said section

14   elements and having a value representing a degree of

15   importance of the portion corresponding to said

16   corresponding section element in relation to one of

17   the another context attributes that is also associated

18   with the corresponding section element.

1   **Claim 103 (new):** The apparatus of claim 102, wherein

2   each segment element can be a child of only one section

3   element, and wherein each section element can be a child of

4   only one other section element, and further wherein when a

5   child of any of said section elements includes a segment,

6   that section element can only have additional segment

7   elements as children.

1   **Claim 104 (new):** The apparatus of claim 103, wherein

2   a given section element describes that portion of the media

3   contents that is described by the compilation of the

4   children elements of said given section element.